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the public stores, wharf, or other place under the control of Customs.

§ 151.10 Sampling.

When necessary, the port director may obtain samples of merchandise for appraisement, classification, or other official purposes. Samples shall be taken by Customs or a commercial gauger approved in accordance with § 151.13. Samples shall be marked to ensure identification and retained according to established policies.

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§ 151.11 Request for samples or additional examination packages after release of merchandise.

If the port director requires samples or additional examination packages of merchandise which has been released from Customs custody, he shall send the importer a written request, on Customs Form 28, Request for Information, or other appropriate form, to submit the necessary samples or packages. If the request is not promptly complied with, the port director may make a demand under the bond for the return of the necessary merchandise to Customs custody in accordance with § 141.113 of this chapter.

[T.D. 73-175, 38 FR 17470, July 2, 1973, as amended by T.D. 75-152, 40 FR 27444, June 30, 1975; T.D. 84-213, 49 FR 41186, Oct. 19, 1984]

§ 151.12 Accreditation of commercial laboratories.

This section sets forth the requirements for commercial laboratories to obtain accreditation by Customs for the testing of certain commodities, and explains the operation of such accredited laboratories. This section also provides for the imposition of accreditation and reaccreditation fees, sets forth grounds for the suspension and revocation of accreditation, and provides for the imposition of a monetary penalty for an accredited commercial laboratory that fails to adhere to the provisions of this section.

(a) *Definitions.* For purposes of this section, the following words and phrases have the meanings indicated:

Analysis record. An “analysis record” is a compilation of all documents which have been generated during the course of analysis of a particular sam-

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ple which, under normal circumstances, may include, both in paper and electronic-form, such documents as work sheets, notes, associated spectra (both spectra of the actual product and any standard spectra used for comparison), photographs and microphotographs, and the laboratory report.

Assistant Commissioner. In §§ 151.12 and 151.13, references to the “Assistant Commissioner” mean the Assistant Commissioner, Office of Field Operations, located in Washington, D.C.

Check samples. “Check samples” are samples which have been distributed by Customs to accredited laboratories to test their proficiency in a certain area of accreditation.

Commodity Group Brochure. A “Commodity Group Brochure” is a booklet which contains a listing of laboratory methods which commercial laboratories are required to have the capability to perform to qualify for Customs-accreditation in a particular commodity group. The brochures and the U.S. Customs Laboratory Methods Manual will specify the particular laboratory testing methods required for particular commodity groups, unless written permission from the Executive Director is given to use an alternate method. Procedures required by the Executive Director may reference applicable general industry testing standards, published by such organizations as the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) and the American Petroleum Institute (API). Commodity Group Brochures and a listing of the methods found in the U.S. Customs Laboratory Methods Manual are available from the U.S. Customs Service, Attention: Executive Director, Laboratories and Scientific Services, Washington, D.C. 20229 and can also be found on the Customs Internet Web Site: www.customs.gov.

Executive Director. In §§ 151.12 and 151.13, references to the “Executive Director” mean the Executive Director, Laboratories and Scientific Services, located in Washington, D.C.

(b) *What is a “Customs-accredited laboratory”?* “Commercial laboratories” are individuals and commercial organizations that analyze merchandise, i.e.,